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Subject: Police SystemPOLICE ORGANIZATION

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The internal organization of the office of the Chief of Police includes the Chief and Sub-Chief, four Chiefs of Division called Inspector Generals and a Secretary General.

The Divisions are the following: Safety Division; Investigations Division; Judicial Division; Administrative Division. Each of these divisions assumes its own function, like the Secretariat General; thus the Safety Division includes all matters pertaining to the uniformed police and safety services; the Investigations Division fulfils the preventive and repressive function of secret police and laboratory; the Judicial Division takes charge of all matters concerning the relations of the police with the administration of Justice; the Administrative Division is in charge of all that concerns the investment of funds, purchase of material, furniture, equipment, etc.; the General Secretariat is in charge of all that concerns appointments, leaves and dismissals of personnel; sanitation, archives, offices, etc.

The diagram with the organization and rules and regulations for 1932, modified by subsequent provisions of simple detail, make it possible to obtain an accurate idea of the Argentine metropolitan system.

(SEE DIAGRAM)

The sectional commissariats (district police stations) are dependencies of the Safety Division and are distributed in police districts. They exercise the double function of preventive and repressive police. The Comisario or Superintendent of Police District, is the direct representative of the Chief of Police and has all the attributes and obligations conferred and imposed upon him by laws and decrees of the Government, inasmuch as this department, as an administrative institution, carries out the orders of the National Executive Power through the Ministry of the Interior, and, as a judicial institution, is subordinated to the stipulations of the pertinent Codes and Laws, the fulfilment of which has been entrusted to it.

For this reason, the district police stations or Comisarias represent the first force of action capable of imposing due obedience and respect towards the rights of the people, by insuring safety, order and progress relative to social activities, the police being an institution to promote order.

For this service the different sections of police are formed as follows: 1 Superintendent of Police District (Comisario); 1 Assistant Superintendent (Sub-Comisario); 3 Auxiliaries; 3 Inspectors; 3 Aides, Clerks or Employees; 3 Telegraph Operators; 1 Day Officer and 2 or more Clerks of lower rank for assistance in the offices, one employee occupied solely with municipal documents; external service is effected with the necessary police forces for each duty, distributed in three turns or shifts, called "Thirds" (Tercios) in the charge of an Inspector and a Sergeant, with petty officers and as many policemen as may be necessary to cover the different posts of the district entrusted to their care. The Inspector is the immediate chief of the "Third"; the Sergeant is the 2nd chief and both of these, following different schedules, make inspections of policemen at their posts, general vigilance of the district, repression of evil elements, etc.

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BUENOS AIRES POLICE
FEDERAL CAPITAL

1st Jailers' Office	<u>Division of</u>	<u>Secretariat</u>	Despatch Office
Criminal suits	<u>Wardenships</u>		
2nd Jailers' Office		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	Purchases
Transgression	<u>JUDICIAL</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	Accountancy
	<u>DIVISION</u>		
San Miguel Home	<u>Assessors' Office</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	Treasury
Children's Jail	<u>Private Secretariat</u>		Comptroller
Juan Alberdi Home			Supplies & Shops Service
Despatch Office & Secretariat		<u>C H I E F</u>	Architect
Reception Bureau			Mechanics shop
Judicial Extracts	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Despatch</u>	Garage
File of Reports			Stables
Contraventions Section		<u>SECRETARY GENERAL</u>	Veterinary Service
Indictment Section			Left-Overs
Deposit Section	<u>Management</u>	<u>Archives</u>	Inspection of rations
Statistics and Library			Inspection section
Secretariat		<u>SUB-CHIEF</u>	Body of Mounted Police
Guard			Security Squadron
Trustee			Firemen
Museum			Traffic Section
Metall			Institutes Section
Presidential custody		<u>Distribution of Transport Services</u>	General Inspection of target shoot- ing
Political Order	<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>	Despatch
Social "	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	Communications Section
Fraud and Swindling			Police Dogs
Theft and Robbery			
Information			
Identification			
Judicial Photography			
Personal safety			
Docks			
Banks and Theatres			
Special Laws			
Special Laws			
Books and General Index			

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DIAGRAM (continued)

<u>Superintendent</u> <u>1ST</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Superintendent</u> <u>2ND</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Superintendent</u> <u>3RD</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Superintendent</u> <u>4TH</u> <u>District</u>
<u>Police stations</u>	<u>Police stations</u>	<u>Police stations</u>	<u>Police stations</u>
1 8	21 33	10 38	14 26
2 9	23 35	11 40	16 28
3 15	25 37	12 42	20 32
4 17	27 39	13 43	24 34
5 19	29 41	36 44	
6 22	31 45		
7 New Port			

The Auxiliaries, with an Aid, Clerk or Employee and a Telegraph Operator, are in charge of the internal service in three shifts on varying schedules; the Auxiliaries are the chiefs of the guard and handle all cases that may come up, adopt such preventive and legal measures as may be advisable before the crime or transgressions committed, organize the filing of proceedings and carry out and control the work which the other police services may demand. In these tasks, the Auxiliary is seconded by the Aid whom he directs in all procedures of minor importance. In the absence of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Police District, he remains in charge of the station, it then being his duty to provide such precautionary measures as may be necessary for the better fulfillment of the function entrusted to him.

There is a corporal and three policemen for the service of prevention, or guard, for the task of attending prisoners, watching over the premises, and carrying out whatever orders are given. This body of guards serve in two turns of 24 hours each, with short rests during the night if the requirements of the service so permit.

The guard service of employees is made in three turns with daily relief and variable schedules from 11 to 19 o'clock; 19 to 7 o'clock; and 7 to 11 o'clock; with the exception of Auxiliaries who do not serve between 7 and 11 o'clock, and are replaced by an Assistant Officer.

"Thirds" are on weekly service between 6 and 14 o'clock; from 14 to 22 o'clock and from 22 to 6 o'clock, with additional work on Sunday for "thirds" on the morning and night shift, in order that those who work in the afternoon of the previous Saturday may be free.

There are 46 sectional police stations (comisarias seccionales) and for their inspection by the District Inspector, they are grouped into 4 zones comprising 10, 12 and 14 sectional stations. Each one of these districts is in the charge of an Inspector entrusted with functions of superintendent and control of all the services, who watches over the strict fulfillment of instructions issued by the authorities.

The Day Officer, in the police station, is in charge of administrative functions such as those of a secretariat; he is in charge of the books, depot, equipment, etc., apart from his duties as policeman. He is designated from among those who form the personnel of the section.

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The safety police is reenforced by two bodies which also are under the orders of the Safety Division: The Body of Mounted Police and the Body of Guards of Security (Infantry); the latter includes special services for the use of tear gas and assault companies. Security services are completed with the Traffic Section, including patrols of motorcyclists and automobiles with radio-telephone equipment connected with the Radio and Alarm Service under the orders of the same Division and on the Communications section, with sub-sections of Pigeons and Dogs.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF (Jefatura): This Office controls the Judicial and Administrative Divisions, the Secretariat General, the Assessor's Office and Sanitation. This distribution is made to divide the work naturally incumbent upon the Sub-chief as the immediate superior of the chiefs of the above branches.

OFFICE OF THE SUB-CHIEF (Sub-Jefatura): This Office controls the Safety and Investigations Divisions and the Garage Section concerning transportation and the distribution of the services thereof.

JUDICIAL DIVISION: The following sections come under this Division: Management of Jails with Jail No. 1 for prosecuted and Jail No. 2 for transgressors; San Miguel Asylum; Children's Jail; "Juan B. Alberdi" Home; "Victoria Aguirre" Home; Office and Secretariat; Reception Bureau; Judicial documents; Contraventions Section; Summaries Section; Office of Judicial Deposits; Statistics; Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION: This includes the following sections: Secretariat with Sub-Sections of Despatches and Purchases; Accountancy; Treasury; Comptroller; Service of Supplies and Shops; Architect; Mechanics shops; Deposit of Left-Overs; Stables and Veterinary service; Garage (with regard to personnel, material, etc. and all that is not within the distribution of services attributed expressly to the Office of the Sub-Chief).

SAFETY DIVISION: Includes the following bodies, sections and branches: General Management of Target Practice; Mounted Police; Security Squadron; Firemen; Traffic Section; Section of Institutes; Despatch Bureau; Section of Communications and Sub-Sections of Radio and Alarm Service, Pigeons and Police Dogs; Inspection Section; Inspection Office (Comisaria) of the 1st District with the following police stations (Comisarias); 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd and Puerto Nuevo (New Port Section); Inspection Office of the 2nd District with the following stations; 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 39th, 41st and 45th; Inspection Office of the 3rd District with the following stations: 10th, 11th, 13th, 36th, 38th, 40th, 42nd, 43rd, and 44th; and Inspection Office of the 4th District with the following stations: 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 26th, 30th, 32nd 34th.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION: This includes the following sections: presidential custody; Political Order; Social Order; Defalcation and Swindle; Robbery and Theft; Information; Identification; Judicial Photography; Personal Security; Docks; Banks and Theaters; Special Laws; Special Section; Books and General Index; Police and Detail Museum.

SECRETARIAT GENERAL: This includes the following sections and branches: Personnel, Administration, Despatch and Archives.

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This distribution is governed by the provisions of the Special Orders dated November 15th, 1932, with the subsequent modifications introduced by the Orders of January 30, 1933 (creation of the Inspection Section); June 1, 1933 (creation of the Stables Section, Veterinary Service and Garage Service, suppressing the Transport Section which was transferred to the Garage Section); February 15, 1933 (creation of General Management of Target Practice); November 13, 1934 (mechanics shops, direct branch of the Administrative Division and not of Supplies and Shops); March 6, 1934 (creation of the Home "Victoria Aguirre"); April 3, 1934 (changing the name of "Caballito Deposit" for "Left-Over Deposit"); April 19, 1934 (changing the denomination Telegraph and Telephone Section for "Communications Section").

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Subject Quasi-Military Organizations, Police Country Reported On I.G. No. 6020.

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Summarization of Report

When Required See this report in connection with Disp. #6318, Par. 2(c),
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POLICE.

1. Mounted Component: (Security Squadron).

(a) Band: 30 men
6 troops
3 platoons - troop
1 platoon: 20-24 men.

(b) Arms:
Officers: sabre and pistol;
Enlisted Men: sabre and carbine.

(c) Uniform & equipment:
Grey wool - light blue trim;
Black shoes and puttees (officers: boots);
Cap;
Leather cartridge belt containing approximately
40 rounds of rifle ammunition.

(d) COMMENTS: The horse equipment is identical to that used
in the regular army. The sabre is carried on the near side and the carbine
slung over the left shoulder and secured to belt by strap. Cantle and
pommel rolls are carried.

Equipment and horses appeared to be in very good condition.
Men have had army service and appear to be better trained
and generally of higher type than those of the regular army.

Estimated strength: Officers: 27
Men: 400-450

2. Cyclist Detachment.

(a) 2 troops
3 platoons - troop.
1 platoon: 24 men.

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- (b) Arms:
Pistol.
- (c) Uniform & equipment:
Dark blue wool - white trim;
Black leather belt and holster;
Black shoes and puttees;
Cap.
- (d) Estimated strength:
Officers: 8
Men: 150

COMMENTS: Uniforms and equipment were in excellent condition.

3. Motor Detachment.

- (a) 1 troop
2 platoons: 24 men, mounted on motorcycles
1 platoon: 8 motorcycle side cars.
Three of these side cars mounted one light machine gun behind
a steel shield.

- (b) Arms:
Individuals, pistols.

- (c) Uniform:
Same as "2".

- (d) Estimated strength:
Officers: 4
Men: 75

COMMENTS: Same as "2".

4. Riot Detachment.

- (a) 8 trucks
16 men each truck.

- (b) Arms:
Pistol.

- (c) Uniform:
Same as "2".

- (d) Estimated strength:
Officers: 8
Men: 128

COMMENTS: Same as "2".

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A Comparison Between the Organization of the
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BUENOS AIRES

LONDON

CHIEF

COMMISSIONER

SUB-CHIEF

None

SECRETARY GENERAL

SECRETARY

Personnel - Despatch - Archives Promotions - Transfers - Discipline - Movement of forces.

1st District
Inspector

District
Chief
Constable

INSPECTOR

43 Police Stations in the charge of Superintendent.

UNIFORMED

Deputy
Assistant
Commissioner

Assistant
Commissioner A

Inspector General

DIVISION

2nd District
Inspector

District
Chief
Constable

FORCE

Assistant
Commissioner

3rd District
Inspector

District
Chief
Constable

Section of Inspectors Training School

Body of Mounted Police No corresponding section

Security Squadron No corresponding section

Section of Police Dogs " " "

Communications Section " " "

Pigeons " " "

Firemen " " "

Traffic Traffic

Mo section - Municipal (Public Vehicles)
(Registration and Management)

INVESTIGATIONS

Personnel of the different sections

CRIMINAL

2nd Deputy
Commissioner

Assistant
Commissioner C

DIVISION

4 Zone Super-intendents with their Personnel

INVESTIGATION

Criminal Investigations

Assistant
Commissioner C

..... No corresponding section

Assistant
Commissioner L

ALPHAIRS

ADMINISTRATION

PROPERTY

Trustee

Purchases	"	"
Accountancy	"	"
Comptroller	"	"
Supplies and Shops	"	"
Transportation	"	"

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* Note: Under Investigations Division -
R.I. - Robbery and Larceny O.P. - Political disturbances
D.C. - Frauds and impositions O.S. - Peace disturbances
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